

UTILITY OF ANTWERP FOR GERMAN OPERATIONS

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LILLE NOW PLACE OF INTEREST

Cavalry of Contending Forces in Violent Contact for a Week—Russian Attacks Repulsed in Eastern Theatre of War.

LONDON, October 12.—Except for a flood of vivid details regarding the fall of Antwerp, the British public practically has been cut off from news from the front during the last twelve hours. It is felt, however, that events of tremendous moment either are occurring or are impending about Lille, where the cavalry of the contending forces has been in violent contact for a week.

Military critics of the London papers devote space to speculation regarding the utility of Antwerp for German offense or defense. Most of them agreed that unless Dutch neutrality is violated, Antwerp will be of no more use in making Zeppelin and naval raids on England than other places in Belgium which have been occupied for some time by the invaders. They further agreed that for military purposes the occupation of Antwerp is of supreme importance to Germany, where they will be able to raise several divisions to aid the sorely pressed right wing. Furthermore, the capture of the city will insure the lines of communication should retreat be necessary through Belgium.

Additional details of the shelling of Antwerp indicate that the damage is not as great as at first estimated, and may be offset in large measure by the great destruction wrought on German shipping in the harbor by the Belgians. An official communication from Berlin says no information is yet available as to the amount of booty taken in the town.

FRENCH CAVALRY IS ROUTED BY GERMANS

The same official statement asserts that on Saturday German cavalry completely routed a French cavalry division west of Lille, which indicates the extreme limit of the western battle is within twenty miles of the Straits of Dover.

It was officially announced in Berlin that in the eastern theatre of war all attacks of the first and tenth Russian armies have been repulsed, while the same fate was suffered by the Russians when they attempted an outflanking movement by way of Schirwindt, East Prussia.

In South Poland the Germans claim their armies have reached the Vistula. The assertion is also made that the Russians have invented the stories given out regarding great victories at Augustow and Suwalki.

Petrograd remains silent as to the movements of the Russian armies, but hints that secrecy is necessary for the time being because important operations are pending.

Reports indicate that terrific fighting, partaking of the nature of siege operations, has taken place during the last fortnight around Roye, Lassigny and Albert, the last named place having been completely surrounded by the German forces.

Now that the armies are deployed in a comparatively level country, shorter periods of vigorous fighting will, it is felt, probably produce more decisive results than did the engagements in the entrenched areas.

From Austria come reports of the rapid spread of Asiatic cholera, and of the suffering being endured by the Austrian troops on account of the unusually cold weather.

Rome newspapers, commenting on the appointment of General Zupelli as Italian Minister of War, say it is significant that he should have been born in Capo d'Itria, an Italian province still in the possession of Austria. Under the new minister it is expected that preparations to place an arm on a war footing will be hurried, but Italy, apparently, is still firm in the determination to remain neutral.

CHURCH TO MAKE INQUIRY

Will Investigate Charges Against Manufacturer of Medicine. CHICAGO, October 12.—A resolution calling on the Chicago Board of Health to investigate charges against John A. Patten, wealthy manufacturer of a proprietary medicine, was adopted to-day by the Rocky River Methodist Episcopal Conference here.

Friends of Mr. Patten previously had pointed out that he has sued for damages a medical journal which had printed a charge that his medicine had no curative qualities.

A resolution introduced by the Rev. E. L. Williams stated that this suit was not a sufficient answer to the charges. The resolution calling for investigation was then passed.

BACKED BY GOVERNMENT

President Expects no Interference With Merchants by Foreign Nations. WASHINGTON, October 12.—President Wilson to-day gave assurances that American merchants trading over the world would have the government back of them to the limit of their rights, and that he did not expect there would be any interference on the part of the nations at war.

The President told callers the situation affecting conditional contraband was righting itself, but that it was bound to continue "somewhat fluid."

Discussing the effect of the war on business, President Wilson said, from what he could learn, the great bulk of business was progressing normally. Business affected by the cotton situation, he added, had been most disturbed, but he expected an improvement.

BRECKENRIDGE RETURNS

Completes His Task as Head of Relief Expedition to Europe. WASHINGTON, October 12.—Henry S. Breckenridge, Assistant Secretary of War, returned to his duties at the War Department to-day, having completed his task as head of the relief expedition which visited the warring European countries to care for distressed Americans.

Several military officers attached to the expedition had opportunities to conduct on a scale the greater the world has ever before known. This information is regarded as confidential, but is expected to be of great value to the general staff in the perfection of plans for the speedy creation of a defensive army in the United States, if ever required.

THEIR BOAT SWAMPED

Six Men Lose Their Lives in Waters of Behring Sea. WASHINGTON, October 12.—Assistant Surgeon L. W. Jenkins, United States Public Health Service; Coxswain Demarco, Seaman Dalsgaard, Seaman Lindhaug, and Seaman Keely and Luke Louke were drowned off Cape Satchels, Behring Sea, on Saturday, when a boat from the cutter Manning was swamped in Unalga Pass. A wireless message to that effect was received to-day by the Navy Department from the commander of the Behring Sea Fleet, Coxswain Demarco was one of the crew of the Tahoma, who were lost at the western end of the Aleutian chain.

DR. W. C. BROWN ARRIVES

New Bishop Coadjutor for Diocese of Virginia on the Vauban. NEW YORK, October 12.—Officers of the American steamship Vauban, arriving to-day from San Juan, said they had a narrow escape from a collision with a British cruiser, supposed to be the Caronia, late Sunday night near Scotland Light Ship. According to Second Officer Carlton, the cruiser displayed false signals, presumably so that she could come close to the Vauban.

Officers of the steamship Vauban, also in to-day from South American and West Indian ports, report that all British merchantmen plying between ports of the Caribbean and South America were being convoyed by British or French warships.

The Vauban's passengers included the Rev. William C. Brown, D. D., recently elected Episcopalian bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia.

CORPORATION COMMISSION UPSET PLANS OF RAILROADS

RALEIGH, N. C., October 12.—The Corporation Commission issued an order this evening upsetting the purpose of the Atlantic Coast Line and other North Carolina railroad companies to inaugurate a system in applying the new reduced intrastate freight rates, effective October 13, through the special rate commission, whereby the railroads would charge the higher rate for the longer distance over its own lines in cases where there was a shorter route over different lines for shipments. The order states that the route was not specified by the shipper. The commission holds that the plan of the railroad companies would put the burden of routing the shipment over the cheapest route on the shipper, and the majority of whom never think of it and are uninformed. The commission orders that agents be directed to route all shipments by whatever route gives the lowest rate.

The reduced intrastate freight rates being effective to-morrow, there poured in on the Corporation Commission to-day from all the companies affected, supplements to their intrastate freight tariffs withdrawing their special rates on commodities, in many cases much lower than the rates prescribed by the special commission, and their action having the effect of raising existing rates on the commodities involved. The Corporation Commission ordered that all these supplements or notices be disapproved, and directed that the special commodity rates be continued in effect.

PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR NO FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

Bryan Says This Government Substitutes for the Ultimatum a Continuation of Negotiations. PHILADELPHIA, October 12.—Voicing the sentiments that the only foundation for universal peace is love, and not preparedness for war, Secretary Bryan and Oscar B. Strauss, a former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, were the principal speakers at an impressive peace demonstration here to-night.

"In this case our interests are so entwined with the interests of those who reside in other lands that no nation can live or die unto itself alone," said Secretary Bryan. "If we had no higher reason for encouraging conditions conducive to peace we should find ample justification in the fact that the burdens of war no longer are borne entirely by those who are direct participants in it."

He said the world may have needed one more war to conclusively settle the fallacy of the doctrine that preparedness for war can give assurance of peace.

"In its dealings with other countries, our government has found it wise to discountenance the employment of a ultimatum, and to substitute a continuation of negotiations on the theory that nothing is final between friends."

"Our government, steadily advancing toward the goal of universal peace, also has found it possible to make remote the possibility of war by the negotiation of treaties which provide for the investigation of all disputes before the employment of force."

TRIAL BEGINS TO-DAY

Alleged Book Swindlers Charged With Defrauding Many Persons. NEW YORK, October 12.—The trial of alleged book swindlers, charged with the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, will begin here on Monday. It was announced to-day by the trial originally scheduled to begin to-day, but the court overlooked the fact that to-day was a legal holiday.

The defendants include James G. Farmer, William A. Charles, Sunday F. Warfield and the Anglo-American Authors' Association, which has offices here, and is said to have had agents in the principal American cities.

Farmer's son, Glenn F. Farmer, and Samuel Rosenfeld, tried last March under similar indictments in Boston, were convicted and given sentences of six to three years respectively. They were charged with defrauding Mrs. Mary L. Rogers, of Boston, who was said to have paid \$87,000 for "rare" books.

Daniels Begins Experiment. WASHINGTON, October 12.—Secretary Daniels began to-day an experiment in navy yard work by designating George E. B. Tennyson, "industrial manager" of the New York yard. If the experiment proves successful, construction officers will be appointed for the other yards.

Payne—McLaughlin.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., October 12.—At the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Saturday, Miss Helen McLaughlin, daughter of W. M. McLaughlin, of Norfolk. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward A. Tennyson, pastor of the church. The ushers were J. W. Arthur and James J. McLaughlin. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary W. Plunkett and Miss Louise Sneed, and the groomsmen were B. Y. Calvert and William H. McLaughlin, Jr. The maid of honor was Miss Gertrude McLaughlin, and Charles Rucker was the best man. The bride was given away by her father.

PLUNGES UNDER TRAIN. AND IS KILLED INSTANTLY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., October 12.—Information was received here to-day of a horrible suicide on Friday afternoon at Sycamore, on the Southern Railway, of a well dressed young white man who was about thirty years of age. A freight train had stopped at the station, and the stranger entered into conversation with some of the trainmen. As the train started to leave Sycamore, the trainmen were horrified to see the stranger plunge under the wheels of the locomotive. His head was mashed under one of the wheels of the big engine before it could be stopped.

The dead man was picked up and taken to Gretna, where it was held for identification.

Killed While Hunting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., October 12.—Robert Bryan, of Stafford County, while hunting on Saturday, stopped to rest, and placed his gun on a stump. As he did so the gun slipped, the hammer striking and causing the gun to discharge. The load entered Bryan's stomach. His death resulted last night. Mr. Bryan was twenty-three years old, and is survived by his wife and one child.

Mrs. Emma B. Avery Dead.

SEATTLE, WASH., October 12.—Mrs. Emma B. Avery, widow of Colonel Isaac Wheeler Avery, one time editor of the Atlanta Constitution and a noted Confederate soldier, died yesterday at her home in this city.

INDORSE "BUY-A-BALE"

President of Grain Dealers Urges Assistance of Southern Farmers. KANSAS CITY, MO., October 12.—Charles D. Jones, Nashville, Tenn., president of the Grain Dealers' National Association, in annual convention here to-day, urged every farmer and every dealer in grain-producing States to join the "buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement. Many planters cannot raise enough money on what they have already gained to pay for picking that part of their crop not already harvested, he said. Joining the "buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement does not mean giving away \$50, but rather investing that sum with an opportunity to make good interest on the investment.

"The Southern farmers are the best domestic customers grain men have," he added.

Carman Trial on Monday.

MINEOLA, N. Y., October 12.—The trial of Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman, charged with the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, will begin here on Monday. It was announced to-day by the trial originally scheduled to begin to-day, but the court overlooked the fact that to-day was a legal holiday.

Queen Still With King.

LONDON, October 12.—The Reuter Telegram company announces that it is authoritatively informed that the Queen of the Belgians is still accompanying King Albert at the head of his army in Belgium.

NEW KING TAKES OATH

Ferdinand Declares He Will Labor for Development of Roumania. LONDON, October 12 (8:50 P. M.).—King Ferdinand of Roumania, in the presence of the members of the royal family, the diplomatic corps and other notables, took the oath of office yesterday in succession to his uncle King Charles, according to a dispatch from Bucharest by way of Amsterdam to the Central News Agency. King Charles died at his country seat in Sinala on Saturday.

The new King declared he would labor for the development of the state.

SOON READY FOR USE

Prediction That Cotton Loan Fund Will Be Subscribed by End of Week. ST. LOUIS, October 12.—A prediction that the \$150,000,000 cotton loan fund, recently approved by the Federal Reserve Board, will be completely subscribed and ready for use by the end of this week was made to-day by J. N. Sloan, a member of the committee which accompanied Festus J. Wade, author of the plan, to Washington last week.

The statement was made at a conference between officers of the Business Men's League and merchants, manufacturers and railroad men to discuss means of increasing the uses of cotton.

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The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Tuesday, Wednesday increasing cloudiness, probably rain west portion.
North Carolina—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy, probably showers west portion.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.
12 noon temperature..... 73
3 P. M. temperature..... 75
Maximum temperature..... 76
Minimum temperature up to 8
Mean temperature..... 65
Normal temperature..... 70
Excess in temperature..... 62
Deficiency in temperature since 8
March 1..... 229
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January..... 248
Rainfall last twenty-four hours..... None
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 0.12
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 932

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature..... 68
Humidity..... 50
Wind—direction..... E.
Wind—velocity..... 4
Rainfall last twelve hours..... None

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(A. S. P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)
Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Asheville..... 68 76 52 Cloudy
Atlanta..... 72 78 58 Clear
Atlantic City..... 66 72 58 Clear
Boston..... 64 74 56 Clear
Buffalo..... 62 70 54 Clear
Calgary..... 32 34 40 Clear
Charleston..... 74 84 72 Clear
Chicago..... 62 68 55 Cloudy
Cincinnati..... 52 58 48 Clear
Denver..... 38 42 40 Rain
Galveston..... 74 82 76 P. cloudy
Hatteras..... 70 80 70 Clear
Kansas City..... 50 54 54 Cloudy
Louisville..... 68 70 48 Cloudy
Montgomery..... 78 84 64 Clear
New Orleans..... 76 84 68 Clear
New York..... 66 76 58 P. cloudy
Philadelphia..... 64 70 46 Cloudy
Pittsburgh..... 64 70 46 Cloudy
Raleigh..... 68 74 56 Clear
St. Louis..... 64 70 44 Rain
St. Paul..... 44 44 40 Rain
San Francisco..... 68 76 56 Clear
Savannah..... 74 80 68 P. cloudy
Spokane..... 52 52 44 Cloudy
Tampa..... 80 88 68 P. cloudy
Washington..... 60 76 56 Clear
Winnipeg..... 36 44 34 Clear
Wytheville..... 64 74 48 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
October 13, 1914.
Sun rises..... 6:16
Sun sets..... 5:56
Morning..... 11:22
Evening..... 12:07

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